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SUBJ: OVERLAND REFUGEE ARRIVALS IN THAILAND DURING  
FISCAL YEAR 1978

INS FOR CODEP (COEXM)

REF: FELDMAN/BARNES TELECON OF APRIL 19

1. THE INS DISTRICT DIRECTOR IN HONG KONG  
(REFERENCE) REQUESTED STATISTICS ON THE ARRIVAL  
OF OVERLAND REFUGEES IN THAILAND DURING FY 78.  
THE FOLLOWING DATA FOR THE FIRST HALF OF FY 78  
IS DRAWN FROM UNHCR STATISTICS ON THE POPULATION  
OF UNHCR-SUPPORTED INLAND CAMPS. THE FIGURES  
REPRESENT THE NET CHANGE IN CAMP POPULATIONS AND  
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DEPARTURES FOR THIRD COUNTRIES.  
THEY DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BIRTHS AND DEATHS.  
THE UNHCR STATISTICS DO NOT DIFFERENTIATE AMONG  
ETHNIC GROUPS.

2. THERE IS NO WAY TO PRECISELY MEASURE REFUGEE ARRIVALS SINCE  
THE TRG DOES NOT GATHER SUCH DATA ON ITS OWN, AND MANY  
INCOMING REFUGEES ELUDE OFFICIAL ATTENTION ANYWAY. THE  
CONSTANTLY SHIFTING POPULATION OF RTG-OPERATED DETENTION  
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CENTERS IS NOT INCLUDED BELOW.

3. FOLLOWING ARE COMPUTED ARRIVAL FIGURES:

	EX-LAOS	EX-CAMBODIA	TOTAL
OCTOBER 1977	2,190	673	2,863
NOVEMBER 1977	3,570	23	3,593
DECEMBER 1977	1,281	477	1,758

JANUARY 1978	4,313	44	4,357
FEBRUARY 1978	427	29	456
MARCH 1978	1,154	532	1,686
TOTAL	12,935	1,778	14,713
AVERAGE MONTHLY			
ARRIVAL	2,156	296	2,452

4. GIVEN THE SAME RATE OF ENTRY FOR THE LAST HALF OF  
FY 78, WE ESTIMATE AN INFLOW FROM LAOS AND CAMBODIA  
FOR THE ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR OF 29,500.

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